

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-22, and 24-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 5, 23, 24, 29 and 41-42 are canceled and claims 1, 16, 20-21, 28, 34, and 38-39 are amended. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Stork and Hong at the interview held November 10 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

In the Office Action, claims 39-40 are objected to. By this Amendment, claim 39 is amended as suggested. Accordingly, claim 39 and claim 40 dependent therefrom are believed to be proper. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 17 and 22-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, the rejected claims are revised consistent with the Examiner's suggestions to eliminate the "or" language by making claim 21 relate to only the documents format modifier and claim 28 relate to only the image modifier. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 41-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. This rejection is rendered moot by cancellation of these claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over the Ogden article. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Ogden article in view of the Chiou article. Claims 21-30 and 34-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Ogden article in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,829 to Angiulo. Claims 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Ogden article in view of the Chiou article, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,309 to Blumberg. Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

over the Ogden article in view of Angiulo and the Chiou article. Finally, claims 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Ogden article, in view of Angiulo, the Chiou article, and Blumberg. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The independent claims are amended to clarify distinctions over the various applied art references. In particular, claims 1, 16 and 21 are amended to clarify that the modified appearance is achieved by overlaying an overlay element on or near the reduced thumbnail in association with the at least one visible element. This overlay being an enhanced version of the visible element, such as an enlarged version. Claims 8, 20 and 38 recite that the overlay element is a semi-transparent version of the visible element so that portion of the underlying document is visible. These features are supported, for example, by Figures 5, 7, 10, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 26.

The Office Action alleges that an "overlay" is taught by the highlight in Figure 1 of Ogden. However, as discussed during the personal interview, this is not an "overlay" of a version of the visible element but instead a highlighting of the background with no content that pertains to the visible element. Thus Ogden fails to teach an overlay that is a modified version of the visible element. Moreover, Ogden fails to teach such an overlay that is semi-transparent as recited in various independent claims.

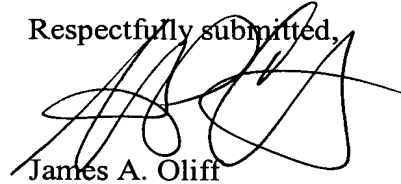
The various secondary references fail to overcome the deficiencies of Ogden with respect to the various independent claims. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 16, 20, 21, 28 and 38 and claims dependent therefrom are neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious from these references applied either alone or in combination.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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